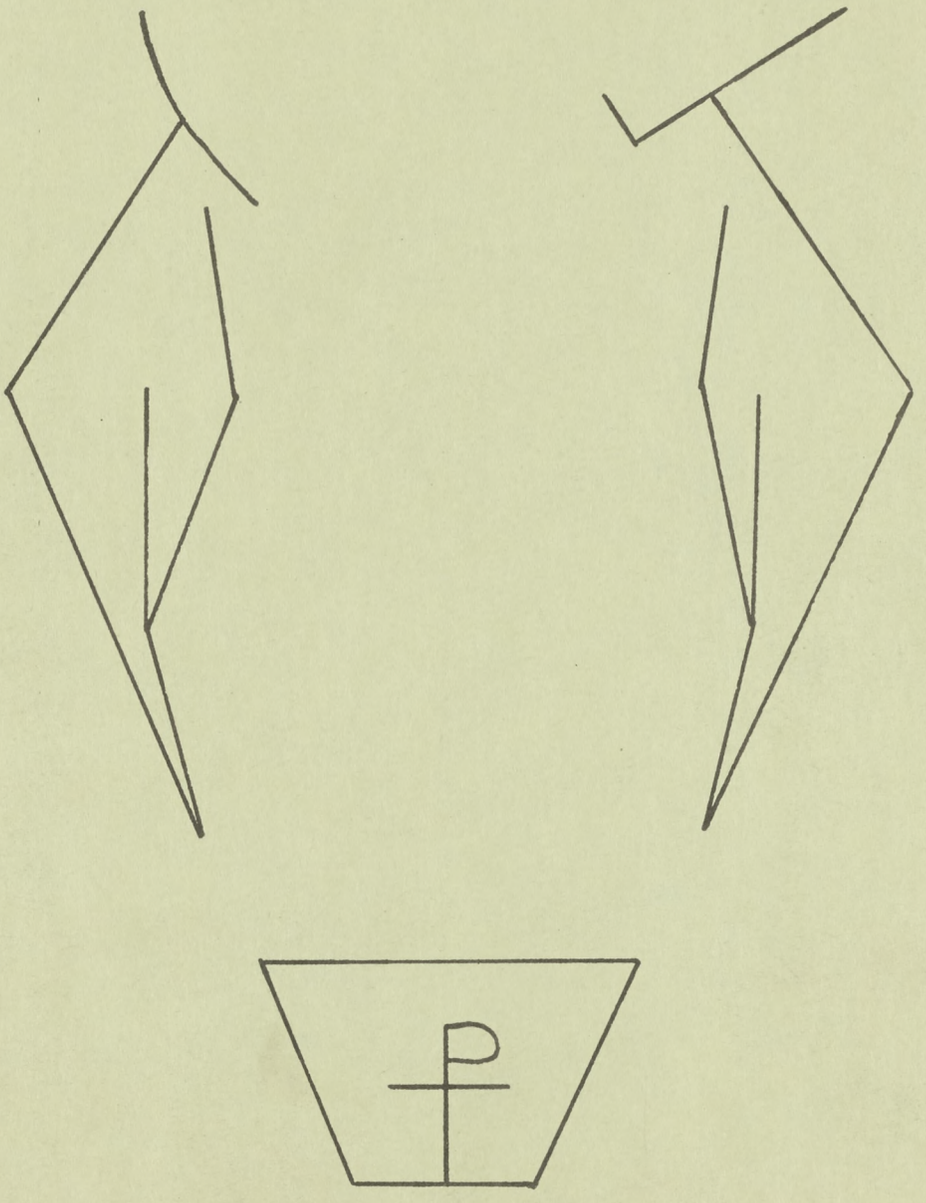
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SUNDAY, JUNE 27

Personal Friendship with Jesus

READ ACTS 2:37-47

Bible Thought: ***"For I am not ashamed of the gospel; for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek"*** **(Romans 1:16).**

A RECENT ISSUE of POWER had as its theme "Christ to the World We Bring." I was strengthened by the thoughts in that issue. And I tried to evaluate my personal ability to take Christ to "My World." In order to convince others of the relevancy of Christ I must first allow Jesus to be the dominant, motivating force in my own life.

No engineer can construct a sturdy bridge without an accurate blueprint of the proposed project; no cook can create a prize-winning recipe without strict adherence to the crucial ingredients; no professor can persuade students to a point of view that he knows little about.

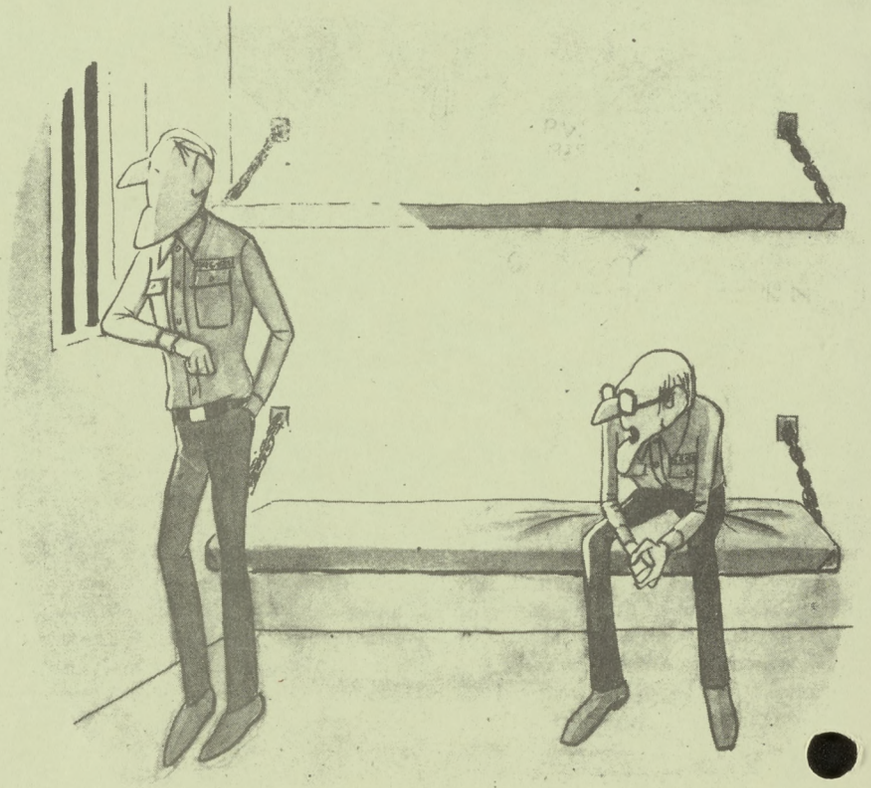
In like manner those of us who propose to tell others about Christ must be fully acquainted with his Scriptures, our blueprint; must adhere to his basic ingredients of faith, hope, and love; and must persuade by our personal knowledge of him demonstrated in our daily life. He is our Savior. We must let him be our guide and our best friend.

As Harry Emerson Fosdick once said, "The steady discipline of intimate friendship with Jesus results in men becoming more like him."

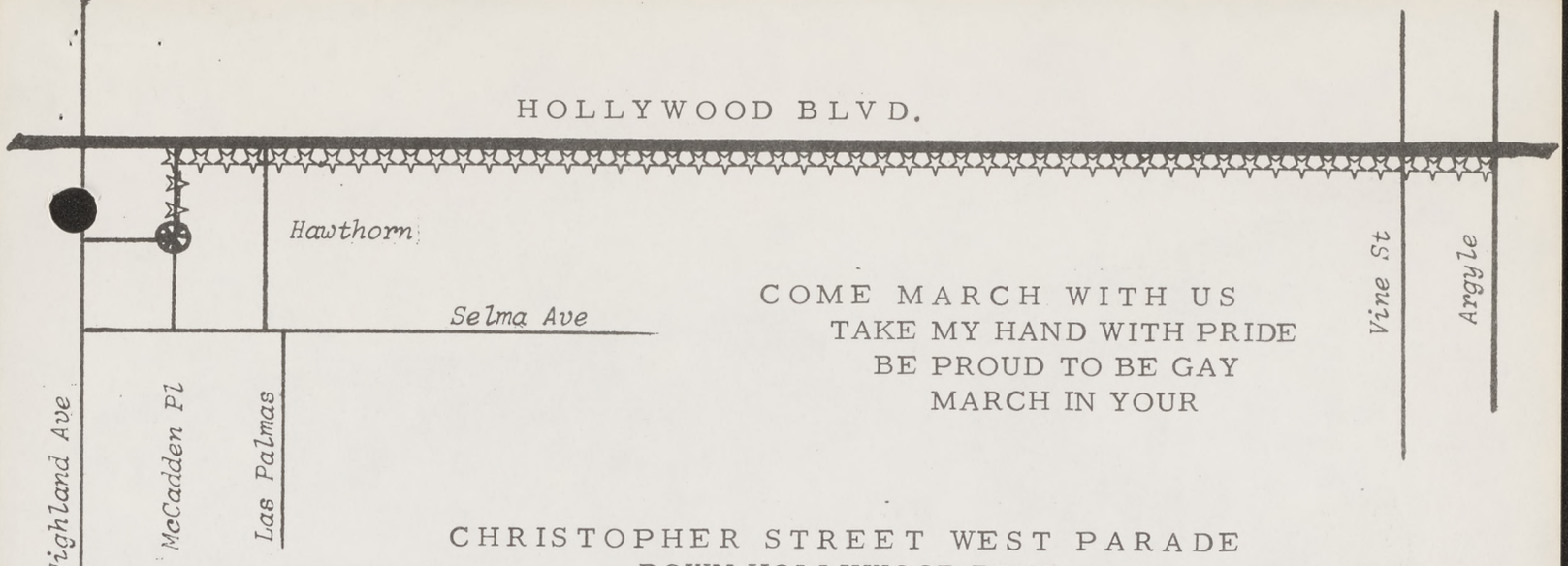
Hymn: "O For a Closer Walk with God."

O Father, help us to be more like Jesus and to live in such a way that others may be brought to thee through our life. In his name. Amen.

—MARY LYNN ADAMS



"The one thing I regret, Spike, is that we never had children."



TO THE UNCOUNTED:

This is the record to the people who have spent the past week sitting on their hands griping over being a misundertsood minority; the ones who didn't feel it was up to them to stand up and be counted; the ones who didn't feel that one more person would make any difference in Sacramento. What happens if everyone takes this attitude? Absolutely nothing! These are the people who complain the most about the law, the name calling, the prejudiced boss or landlord, etc... They are also usually the first to take advantage of a good thing achieved by another persons' hard work and fight for it.

As I said last Sunday, when Hal and I returned from our marchers, "Reverend Troy Perry has stuck his neck out for all of us so many times." One neck can be chopped off very easily. What happens when many necks are stuck out with the one? That's right, more strength; enough so that no one gets chopped. If Rev. Perry could take his body and make it ten thousand, he would not have even asked us to help. He would have done it out of love for all, with no inconvenience to anyone. Many people are happy to travel the road after Rev. Perry and others have gone over and removed unwanted obstacles. Wouldn't it be so much better if everyone were right up front helping? Results would come so much faster.

Did Rev. Perry and the other marchers travel that 100 miles or so just for the exercise? Hardly!! My better half would much rather have been in our home with me, than roasting in the sun, getting blisters, and just plain exhausted by the end of the day; as many others there would have liked to have spent the week with their lovers rather than being separated by many miles.

The only way for us to be accepted; respected as people and not criminals, is to educate others who don't know about our way of life and our feelings. First, you must get their attention. The more people together, the more attention, and the more people that are reached. As Rev. Perry has said, "We are peioneers." So, let's get out and get something done!

It's not too late, there's a parade today. Get off your hands and join us! Make the final day of OUR week, a beautiful day that others can look at, and say, "We might be wrong about those people." God is on our side, but don't leave it all to Him, or to Rev. Perry, or to the other guy. Help one another and help yourself. The sooner you do, the sooner the day will come for no need of fasts, marchers, masks, or pretences to protect your job. Help eliminate the laws that say you are a felon for following your inner feelings. Be with the parade. Stand up and be counted!

Yours in Christ,

Ted J. Sweet



Photo by
Connie Vaughn



IN THE HANDS OF THE LORD

Dateline June 25, 1971, Sacramento: From the opening song, "When the Saints go Marching In" it was a very good feeling. This song was, of course, led by our own Willie Smith. Master of Ceremonies, Rev. Howard Wells (of San Francisco MCC), began saying,"For ten thousand years we've been quiet, for the last 364 days we've been quiet, today we are going to be heard. We are going to be heard until these antiquated sex laws are changed."

He introduced Rev. James Claud Brown to lead the assembly in the invocation. With the invocation a rainbow appeared. Have you ever seen a rainbow on a perfectly clear day?Have you ever seen a rainbow in a perfect circle? This colored "halo" covered the Capitol Building and all those assembled there on the steps. Residents of Sacramento say they had never seen anything like it before.

Morris Kight spoke about demonstrators being called "outside" agitators, but that we, being all residents of California, were "inside" agitators; that demonstrators are usually called Godless atheists, but that this one was being run by Metropolitan Community Church, a religious organization; that demonstrations are under the influence of foreign governments. Which foreign government would we be under the influence of? Saudia Arabia, where a brother was thrown from a tower for being gay? From Russia, where our brothers are put into concentration camps? Or possibly Cuba, where our brothers were marched through the streets and humiliated?

The next speaker was Dr. Marty Rogers, a professor at Sacramento State College. He stressed that to remove our opressions we had to stand up and be counted. He said that jobs made no difference, that he was a State employee and he was not only present, but up front speaking. And that by removing the outside opression, then we could then remove our own inside repressions.

Willie Smith, then led us in singing "This is My Country". Howard Wells then stated, "I am an American and proud to be an American. I am a homosexual and proud to be a homosexual".

Assemblyman John L. Burton, D-San Francisco, was the next speaker. He said that the main trouble they had with passing the Willie Brown consulting-adults bill was that many of his colleagues were afraid that their constituents didn't want the bill passed. So all who were there should write and get every friend of theirs to write to their State Assemblymen and State Senators expressing their support of AB 437. That it was important that everyone there go home and really spread the word.

Assemblyman Willie Brown started out by saying, "Has it been called to your attention that The Man is with us?" He was referring to the halo, which was still there above us.After welcoming the group, he said that his bill, AB437, was not a very good bill, but it was a beginning. He also said that as soon as it was passed, his next job would be to change it. Change it to total obliteration of any-all discrimination. He said the bill must be passed by the Assembly, then the Senate and then to the Governor, hopefully a new Governor.

Frieda Smith spoke of being a woman and being gay. She said that she wished the Statue of Liberty would turn around to see her tired, her poor, her huddled masses that are angry, that are ready to explode. Ready to explode because of the opression and discrimination. That AB437 must be just an opening step. She also brought up the fact that single women and single men pay the highest taxes. "We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal." That is, using the term "men" in the sense to mean all people. That God created us equal, that governments are formed to see to it that we are treated equally and that our government was not doing this. And that we were all simply doing as Thomas Jefferson, one of the founding fathers of our country, said that

the people should do when a government became destructive, instead of constructive. And that we were trying to alter the laws and make this our, meaning all the people's, country once again.

Reverend Perry mentioned the fact that Governor Reagen had been invited to the Los Angeles Metropolitan Community Church Dedication Service, but couldn't make it; so we went to Sacramento. He told of one of the evenings when the marchers, stiff and with very sore legs, were in a State Park. They decided to go down to the water for a bath. A woman and child were sitting there on the beach and she called the group "retards". He went on to say that some people probably think they were all a little "off" for making that long march. However that march was to prove how strong their convictions really were, that they really wanted AB437 passed. He also challenged any and all pleple who did not want the bill passed to show how serious they were by making the same march.

He then introduced the marchers that made the Long March. They were Doug Brown of Emmaus House, San Francisco, David McCoy, MCC-LA, Michael Music, of San Francisco (who fasted from Oakland to the city limits of Sacramento), Lee Ballan, Steve Jordon of MCC-LA, Lee Spangenberg of MCC-LA, Ray Cook MCC-Sacramento, Tom Purcell of MCC-LA, Leo Lawrence, John Gooch of San Francisco, Howard Wells of San Francisco, Al Alverez and, of course, led by our own Reverend Troy D. Perry. Then he introduced those who drove along with the marchers. They were Bill Thorne (who did all of their cooking), Bill White (who drove the big camper), Willie Smith (who drove his wagon) and Bobbie.

Reverend Perry then went on to say that we were demanding immediate enforcement of laws in the areas of fair housing for all the citizens of California; that all citizens of this State have a right to hold jobs, that all laws be abolished pertaining to sexual behaviour between consulting-adults and that it will happen.

Rev. Perry then asked that all those assembled would join hands and sing "We Shall Overcome". Bishop Mark Harding of Colorado led us in the benediction to end the program.

There weren't as many there as we would have liked, but I believe that everyone there will agree that it was great being there, that it made you really feel good.

The rainbow-halo in the sky appeared at the invocation, got brighter and stronger, then faded somewhat, but was still visible during all the speeches and then at the benediction, again was bright and strong. It completely disappeared with the final amen. Were we in the hands of the Lord? Was this truly a sign from God? These questions I can not truthfully answer positively. You would have had to see it, to have been there to get the feeling it gave you. All I can say is that it had never been seen there before. And Friday was a very clear day.

PAT RARDIN

WEDDING INVITATION

Wedding bells will ring again on July 2 at 8:00 P. M. as another MCC couple tie the knot. The couple is Ted Chvis and Jeff Hite, there will be a reception afterwards and all are invited.



"I think she's trying to kick the habit."



FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

by Kevin McCain

Mom Perry was back at her desk early Monday morning. Thank goodness, because it was an exceptionally busy day. She managed, however, to remain at home the rest of the week, but when I last spoke with her she said she'd probably be down (working as hard as ever) this coming week.

Rev. Perry telephoned on Tuesday morning and reported that he and the marchers had walked 50 miles by that time. He broke his fast on Monday night. Of course he needed the strength to endure the duration of the trek. The marchers were joined by Steve Jordan on Monday evening. I had a chance to speak very briefly with Lee Spangenberg also.

Before closing, a big thanks to Herb Pomeroy for staying at the home front and taking off work on Friday to take care of the office business, etc.

"HAVE YOU HAD IT"?
or,
"ONE DRINK DEMANDS ANOTHER"

Although there is no evidence to support the theory or existence of an alcoholic personality per se, it has been established that certain types of individuals are more susceptible to the disease of alcoholism than others. Some of those types are: children who have grown up without love; individuals from alcoholic families; those who were undisciplined as adolescents; those who were not able to adjust to school, work, marriage and social obligations; individuals with impractical ideas, low frustration indices, unrealistic moral values and those who become bored easily.

Avoid alcohol dependency as you would the plague. It is insidious and, unless you are extremely aware, it will steal upon you without your knowing. When your body chemistry demands alcohol and your psychological reactions crave a drink, you have "had it." Once you repeatedly become drunk, you will never again, under any circumstances, be able to use alcohol safely, no matter how small the amount, because one drink demands another.

There is no cure for alcoholism. By the time someone has become a confirmed alcoholic, many irreversible changes have occurred in organic body functioning, body chemistry and personality. Once an alcoholic always an alcoholic. The best that can be done is to educate and lead this victim into a state of "non-drinking alcoholism."

MCC recognizes alcoholism as an illness and encourages its members to encourage their alcoholic friends to seek help through Alcoholics Together.

Alcoholics Together was founded by a member of the Metropolitan Community Church. The sole purpose of Alcoholics Together is to help the alcoholic homosexual. Members of Alcoholics Together meet each Thursday at 8:30 p.m. in the Church social hall. There is no charge of any kind to attend meetings of Alcoholics Together. There are no qualifications, dues or fees for membership. The individual chooses to be or not to be. All are welcome.

If you are alcoholic, just drink too much, the friend of an alcoholic, or just don't know, you are invited to visit us on Thursday evenings and have any of your questions answered by a recovered alcoholic member of Alcoholics Together.

Lester D.

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."
-Psalms 46:1



The vast rumor mill has produced several unfounded stories about our Church and the Clergy. Also about some of the people that are involved and work so very hard. Many people consider Rev. Perry as "getting rich" off of our Church and the Universal Fellowship, and Rev. Hose as Pastor of our San Diego church as well as Asst. Pastor of our Los Angeles Church. I've heard our Church called the trash can church "they use a trash can for their collections".

The facts are,in all these cases, just the opposite or what the rumors claim. Yes we did use a trash can one Sunday, thats the day we collected the $10,000 for the downpayment on our own Church building. This, new to us, building that we purchased has three mortgages on it. Two of which are due within five years. The total cost of the building, not yet finished, is $55,000 for the building and to date $51,000 for rebuilding and remodeling it. A total of $60,000 is in mortgages and yet the rumormongers say we in Los Angeles are getting rich.

Rev. Perry now receives $750.00 a month from our Church. He receives nothing from the Universal Fellowship. When he travels (on Church business) most of his expenses are paid, but as anyone who has traveled knows there are always expenses that are not covered and these come out of his own pocket. Oh yes Rev. Perry must be getting quite wealthy.

Rev. Hose receives $200.00 a month for Pastoring the San Diego Church $300.00 a month for Asst. Pastor of Los Angeles (and Church business adminestrator) and $100.00 a month from the Universal Fellowship. Of this he must pay for his own transportation to and from San Diego every weekend (and sometimes twice a week). Again the rumor mill says he is really making out, particularly having two Churchs.

The truth of the matter is that the Church is in a financial bind and it is a never ending battle to get the bills paid. So if you have the idea in your head that M.C.C. L.A. or any of our other Churchs are getting fat forget it! I'm aure the Church treasurer, Pat Vestal or the Church Administrator Rev. Hose would be more than happy to show ycu how far we're really in debt.

Come down and join some of us volentiers that pretty well know what's going on and get busy yourself, then you will realize how very much it costs and how much work is involved in keeping an organization such as M.C.C. going .

Editor

Thanks to Rev. Howard Williams, San Diego, for bringing this subject to light in "The Prodigal"

"COURAGE"

"Be strong and of good courage."
-- Deuteronomy 31:6

The Santa Maria is one of the newest tourist attractions at St. Louis, Missouri. Moored at the waterfront, this replica of the ship which first brought Columbus to the new world would surprise one because of its small size.

Being only ninety feet long, it is dwarfed by many of the boats now plying the Mississippi River. Yet under the dauntless Columbus, this and two smaller vessels brought men to the Americas and started a new era of exploration. Apparently what Columbus lacked in equipment he made up for in courage.

Winners in life usually owe more to their courage than to their equipment. It takes courage to say,

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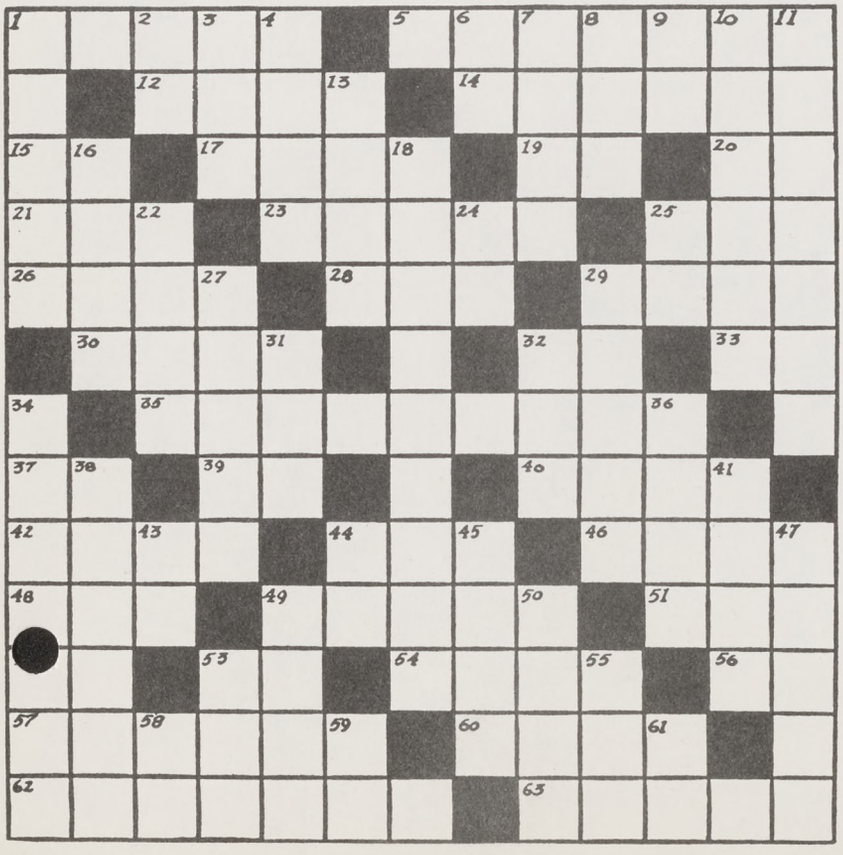
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"COURAGE" Cont.

"I'm a homosexual," but doing so may open up new worlds of understanding. It takes courage to move on to the next stage in life. It takes courage to stand up and say, "I'm Gay and I'm Proud." It takes courage to stand up and demand that unfair laws that discriminate against us be changed. It takes courage to just be yourself. Once you gain that courage and stand up and be counted and be yourself, the love of God will fill your heart and the love of your fellowman will shine in your very spirit and show brightly in your everyday life.

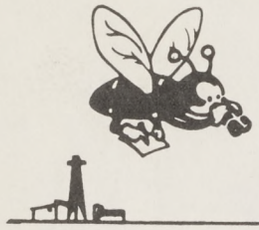
Please do yourself the favor and your fellow God-fearing and God-loving Christians the honor and join in with us. March with us in the Christopher Street West Parade down Hollywood Boulevard.

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A VIEW FROM THE PEW

by Al Correa

David Rodell must surely be one of our most talented and active members; he is an accomplished pianist, singer and member of the Crescendos, ready to appear at morning and evening services. This Sunday he filled in for Willie Smith in leading the Singspiration and did it with all the competence and enthusiasm he puts into his other talents.

Deacon John Logan opened services with a reading from the Book of Psalms. Rev. Ken Jones welcomed us to Church, followed by Rev. Ploen who led us in the opening prayer, saying "... We covet your prayers that we may erase the heavy burden of debt upon us. Our material possessions we would place in loyal subjection to thee, our Master sublime. We come into this place asking for Grace in the hour of temptation. We thank you for giving us the example of Jesus Christ, who made the ultimate sacrifice. May faith and loyalty bring us ultimate victory and help us to complete this task you have set before us."

Asst. Pastor John H. Hose then addressed us, saying that two years ago someone had given him the title of the Daddy of this congregation; as today was Father's Day, he felt we should keep in mind that it is our Heavenly Father whom we gather each Sunday to honor. Giving us some current news of our Pastor's progress on the long march to Sacramento and the Rally at Union Square in San Francisco, he added that the marchers would be addressed on the West steps of the Capitol by Assemblyman John Burton, followed by a professor of Sociology from Sacramento State College who intends to make a courageous announcement.

MCC News Editor Connie Vaughn made an announcement, followed by Spider who spoke enthusiastically about the two floats being prepared for the parade down Hollywood Boulevard. One will be covered with five thousand roses. This remarkable man has done so much for our Church--and given so joyfully, without any fuss, that I personally find Spider an example of the sort of active member that makes our group so strong.

Rev. Hose then delivered his sermon. Structured on the Gospel of John, he began with Jesus' admonition: "... A man cannot even see the Kingdom of God without being born again."

"Many bitter lessons have been learned as we go through life," said Rev. Hose. "We wish we had them over to do, so we could do things differently. We could decide to be born again. But how do you go about being born again? Christianity is not obtained by natural development -- being born into a Christian family doesn't make you a Christian. When you are born again you increase your vision and understanding. Envy, discontent, and malice are replaced with love, but we have to have a regerated rebirth if we're going to be Christians."

Reading a moving letter from a man from Amarillo, Texas, he gave us a powerful example of one person's experience of a regenerated rebirth after travelling from Texas to Los Angeles to see a service of MCC at the Encore.

Summing up, Rev. Hose said the way we can honor God is by loving others. His closing prayer said, "Thank you, God, for all the gifts life has bestowed on this group. Move them, Oh Lord, and may they truly be born again."

Herb Pomeroy then sang "The Old Rugged Cross," accompanied by David Rodelle.

SOUTH CENTRAL PARISH NEWS

You are cordially invited to attend the first meeting of the newly reorganized So. Central Parish. Ron Hayes will be showing slides and commenting on the ruins of Peru. Afterwards we will elect a Secretary and a Treasurer and make some plans for future meetings. Let's all show our support for South Central and meet at Rusty Carlson's house on Tuesday evening, June 29 at 8 PM. Her address is:

9305 California Ave., # C
South Gate, Calif.
or call 684-1792

A HAPPY HOMOSEXUAL?

Bob McIvery, a member of Gay Liberation Front, was acquitted of the charge of "failure to report for induction into the armed services".

Bob McIvery told Judge Charles Carr that he would like to be the commander of a homosexual army and that it would be the greatest fighting force in America.

Bob McIvery told his draft board he was gay. He told the army psychiatrist he was gay. He got an induction notice anyway.

Bob McIvery did not report on the grounds that it is not a crime to disobey an illegal order.

U. S. District Attorney Snoke argued that a psychiatrist had said that Bob McIvery was in good mental health and therefore couldn't possibly be a homosexual. Judge Charles Carr didn't agree. He dismissed the case, remarking, "Haven't you ever seen a happy homosexual?"

THE LONG BEACH PARISH

The Long Beach Parish had a very nice social on June 18th when we went horseback riding and then had a very nice Barbeque. We also had a Bible Study at Steve's house in Long Beach on June 23rd. We would like to invite people throughout the area to join us in our meetings and social functions. There will be no meeting on the 30th.

Raul Baes

To the Editor:

May I commend to your readers' attention one of the finest groups of young men that I have ever had the pleasure of coming in contact with: our Seminarians. Over the past three months I have shared with them as their teacher of homiletics. But somehow they reversed the situation and it was I who was being taught by them. For from them I learned of sacrifice, enthusiasm, dedication, friendship, love and genuine Christian concern. I watched lives slowly change as individuals grew, and I was humbled by the thought that I was part of this experience.

Most of these men work at full-time jobs during the day. They give up three evenings a week in Seminary classes and must spend at least three more in preparation and study. Each of us can learn a lesson from these men, for every one of us has been given a ministry.

I was amazed at the variety of religious backgrounds in class; each student had something unique to offer to the whole body. Not that we always agreed; but it was out of our disagreement that we grew.

At times some of the students' enthusiasm for a new idea, a sermon topic, or a particular place of ministry, seemed almost child-like; but then of course Christ has said, "Unless ye become as little children...."

Our Seminarians have not asked for gratitude, praise, or thanks. They have only asked to serve you and God. I know for a fact that the only praise they ever want or expect is that of their Master: "Well done thou good and faithful servant." Thank you, Seminarians, for just being you, and for allowing me to share with you over these last few months. My love, thoughts, and prayers are with each one of you.

In the Master's Royal Service,

Jon Bullock



Our Church Calendar

SUNDAY, JUNE 27TH	9:00 AM	COMMUNION SERVICE
	9:30 AM	THE ACADEMY
	9:30 AM	BIBLE CLASS, MEN & WOMEN
	10:30 AM	SINGSPIRATION
	10:30 AM	CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
	10:45 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL (Seminary Class Room) Teacher: Steve Jordan
	11:00 AM	SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
	2:00 PM	METROPOLITAN PLAYERS REHEARSAL Church Parlor
	6:00 PM	MARCHERS ASSEMBLY AND FORMATION
	7:00 PM	CHRISTOPHER STREET WEST PARADE HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA Highland and Hollywood Blvds.
	9:00 PM	AFTER PARADE DANCE CELEBRATION RODGER YOUNG AUDITORIUM 936 W. Washington Blvd, L.A. Sponsored by Christopher Street West Committee
MONDAY, JUNE 28TH	7:00 PM	SAMARITAN BIBLE SEMINARY
	7:30 PM	GOSPEL CHOIR REHEARSAL (Church Bldg)
	7:30 PM	METROPOLITAN PLAYERS REHEARSAL Church Parlor
TUESDAY, JUNE 29TH	7:30 PM	METROPOLITAN PLAYERS REHEARSAL Home of Lyle Page, 886-7896
	8:00 PM	HOLLYWOOD PARISH MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30TH	7:00 PM	SAMARITAN BIBLE SEMINARY
	7:30 PM	WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING Main Sanctuary
	7:30 PM	METROPOLITAN PLAYERS REHEARSAL Social Hall
	8:00 PM	THE LAVENDER LADIES 1833 N.EDGEMONT St. For Info.Phone 664-8008

THURSDAY, JULY 1ST	7:00 PM	MOTORCYCLE CLUB OF CALIFORNIA In Church Parlor
	7:00 PM	CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
	7:30 PM	C.I.C.MEETING Seminary Room
	8:30 PM	ALCOHOLICS TOGETHER MEETING Church Social Hall
FRIDAY, JULY 2ND	7:00 PM	SAMARITAN BIBLE SEMINARY
	7:30 PM	YOUTH GROUP MEETING (THE KOOL-AIDS)
SATURDAY, JULY 3RD	10:00 AM	CHURCH CLEANING
SUNDAY, JULY 4TH	9:00 AM	COMMUNION SERVICE
	9:30 AM	THE ACADEMY
	9:30 AM	BIBLE CLASS, MEN & WOMEN
	10:30 AM	SINGSPIRATION
	10:30 AM	CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
	10:45 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL (Seminary Class Room) Teacher: Steve Jordan
	11:00 AM	SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
	2:00 PM	METROPOLITAN PLAYERS REHEARSAL Church Parlor
	7:00 PM	EVENING SERVICE

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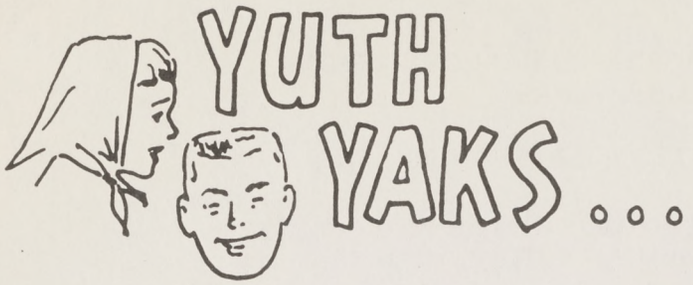
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METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH
MARCHES ON

Well, right now we haven't gotten the results of the march, but I'm sure all of you -- along with me -- are expecting great things from the march.

This coming Sunday, the 27th, the Youth Group is having its monthly birthday party after Church. The exact place has not yet been decided; however, we will meet after Church in the parlor. If you don't see us there, then come downstairs and rap with Liz, George, or Lee (our counselors), or with me. I'm black, so therefore you shouldn't have any trouble locating me -- if you don't hear me running my mouth somewhere (I like to talk, you know). After all, there's not that many of us at MCC yet. But I'm working on it!!

I would like to express one thing to you. That is the results I'm hoping for from the march. I only hope that on Sunday when you read this article we will be a free people. If enough of us show up in Sacramento! I only hope that all who possibly can go will go. After all, at one time or the other you are going to have to stand up and be counted, no matter what the consequences. I'm going, and I'm only sixteen, so I hope everybody who possibly could do so showed up.

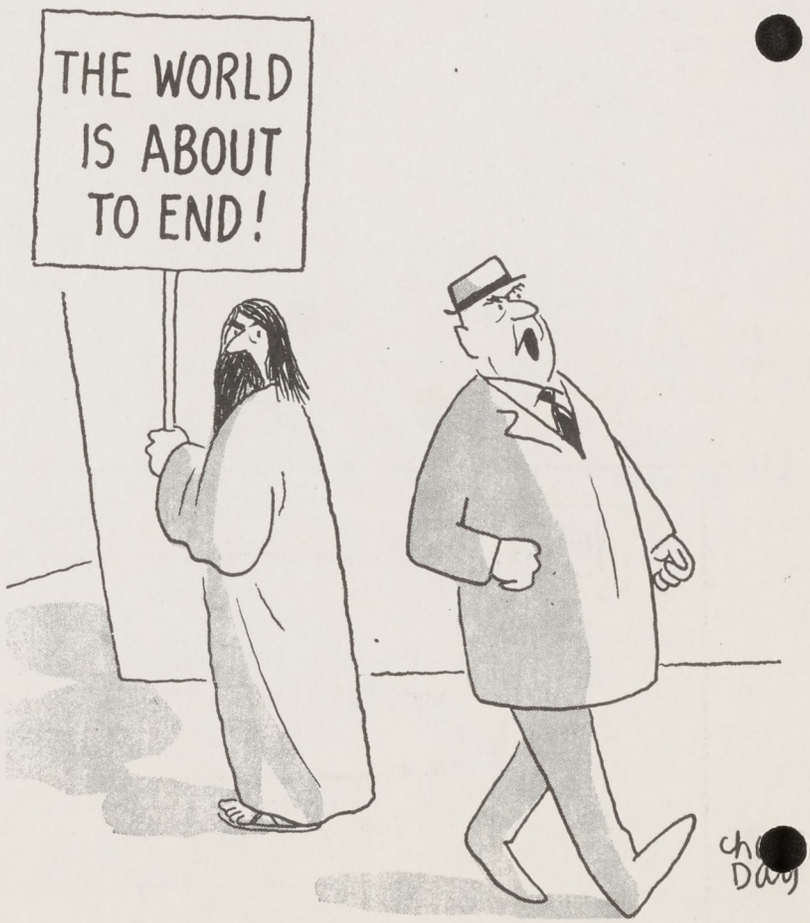
Well, with all the activities of the week, the march ending on Friday, and the Christopher Street West Parade, I can't help but say, "Say it loud, I'm gay and I'm proud."

There's just one more thing I'd like to say, and that's a few words from a song originally recorded by Miss Diana Ross, but I like it by Aretha Franklin better. She simply says, "Reach out and touch somebody's hand, make this world a better place if you can." Now tell me, need we say more?

Don't forget our meetings are every 1st and 3rd Friday of each month. And our rap sessions are the 2nd and 4th Wednesday. Our only requirements are that you be from age 13 to 20 and want to have a lot of fun. We're not only our brother's keeper; we're our brother's brother or sister's sister (smile).

Until next week, keep the faith, Babe!!

Ray Hicks
MCC-LA Youth Group
Secretary



"Good!"

LAVENDER LADIES

The entire membership of the LAVENDER LADIES would like to take this opportunity to invite, the menbers and friends of MCC who are female impersonators to join this exciting new group.

The goal of this new group, is to get the many female impersonator who are not yet menbers of the church and that are in need of us; a chance to get some help from us.

In other words. "Get them out of the bars and into church", via a social function of the church that is tallored for their own social needs and in which they can be at ease. Really at ease.

This new group will give the menber a chance to not only be a good female impersonator, but to teach and help the other members how to "act likea lady as well as look like one."

The events that the group has in mind are; 1. Dances, where you can be really seen and shown.2. contests for the Princess of the month. (Example) Miss December or Miss Capricorn. And then at the end of the year the club will have the Princesses of the individual monthe compete for Miss (Example) 1971 of the Lavender Ladies. (maybe with a big prize).

This club will only be open to menbers and friends of MCC, that are female impersonators and their lovers. But, all of their social functions will be open to anyone who wishes to attend.

Until further notice this group will meet at the apartment of Jim and Blain Oswald located at 1833 N. Edgemont St., Hollywood, CA. 90027, Apt. 5. Time and Day of meetings are 8;00 PM Wed.

For further information please call Blain, 664- 8008, Ricky Hopkins 289-1359

We are looking forward to seeing you, having a great fellowship with all of our sisters.

Yours in Christ, The Lavender Ladies of M.C.C. of Los Angeles.

"ROPE" TERRIFIES HENRI VILLEG

Dan Terrell lovingly puts his arm around Henri Villeg's shoulder and kisses him. Henri's terrified. Not of the loving arms, of Dan's satanical taunt about the dreadful contents probably in the trunk. Worse, Dan invites friends over to eat off the very trunk in Henri's presence. Poor Henri sweats from the terror of discovery. He feels Dan's torment is a rope tightening around his neck, choking tighter ... tighter ... tighter. Will Henri keep his cool? Or will he blow it from the torture of that wierdo's party?

You can find out only by buying your ticket early to see the MCC Players in "Rope" Friday and Saturday, July 9th and 10th. Early, because there's seating for only 204 of the 545 who want to see the show in the Church's horseshoe room. If you don't see it, you'll probably never know the outcome of Henri Villeg's dire predicament, and you want to. He was so winsomely cute as the maid in "Fashion." Now he's terrified as a handsome young man in "Rope."

Don Showman

To have powers by which we can make this earth a more decent place; to be a child of God; and honor, honesty, truthfulness, fidelity and love are all sacred.
-Henry Emerson Fosdick

"You did he make alive," Paul writes. That is salvation, being alive to God and to every good which God's world can bring us.
-H. F. Rall



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